

Wednesday - October 4, 1978

This was our last day in Europe. We were meeting Paul and Margaret at the Zurich Airport this afternoon. As we gathered downstairs in the dining room, we found the tables set for breakfast. With the help of Uncle George acting as interpreter, two ladies in charge got enough food together to feed us. We didn't mind the wait, as it gave us more time to visit. After the luggage was loaded, Tony drove the motor coach to the Post Office and bank in Vaduz. We mailed post cards and looked at the interesting stamps and selected a few to take home, and walked back to the motor coach in the rain. It has rained every day we have been traveling in Austria, Germany, and Liechtenstein. We left Vaduz about 10:10 a.m., and crossed the Rhine River, drove through Vuchs and across the Liechtenstein border. This Principality is protected by the Swiss Army. As we drove through the Rhine Valley, we saw people harvesting cabbage. Tony told us about some Italian terrorists who were apprehended here. There is a State Fair Alsaften held here each fall. We passed by the Bodensee and drove through Rorchach, the place where Neal Kunz served as Zone Leader on his mission. The freeway to St. Gallen is not completed because the people are opposing it. St. Gallen is a commercial center with a population of about 79,000. We could see that it was one of the liveliest cities in the country. It was named after an Irish Monk in the Sixth Century. It is famous for its textiles. Tony stopped here to take care of some personal business. We were parked close to the St. Gallen Cathedral. We left the motor coach in the rain and took the opportunity to visit this famous Catholic Cathedral. It follows the style of Emotive Baroque, which is characteristic of being extremely dramatic in sculpture and painting. We were struck with awe at the gold decor, statues and brilliant decorated wall paintings and illusionistic ceiling Frescos which seemed to open up the heavens. St. Gallen follows the counter reformation idea of "conversion through splendor"--the return to the Catholic Church